

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 61**

March 21, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the issuance of citations based solely on evidence obtained from a traffic enforcement camera.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Forgone Local Revenue – \$2,102,900**  
**Decrease Local Revenue – \$5,594,100**

Assumptions:

- Currently, the determination to issue a citation for violations captured by traffic enforcement cameras is based solely on the evidence obtained from enforcement cameras. This bill will eliminate the issuance of these citations.
- According to a 2011 Fiscal Review Committee Survey of communities currently utilizing traffic enforcement cameras, the average monthly revenue to local governments per camera is \$3,370 or \$40,440 (\$3,370 x 12) per year. There are approximately 13 cameras per community.
- According to a 2010 Fiscal Review Committee Survey, eight municipalities not currently operating cameras are considering their use. Estimate assumes that in the absence of this legislation, 50 percent (or 4) would have utilized traffic enforcement cameras resulting in forgone revenue to local governments of approximately \$2,102,880 [(\$40,440 x 13 cameras) x 4 municipalities].
- Based on a 2011 Fiscal Review Committee Survey of communities currently utilizing traffic enforcement cameras, local governments collect revenue of approximately \$5,594,081 as a result of traffic citations and fines. Prohibiting the issuance of citations based solely on evidence obtained from traffic enforcement cameras will result in a decrease in local government revenue of approximately \$5,594,100.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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